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SUBJECT: EC NINE AFTER THE ELECTIONS

1. EMBOFF MET MAY 14 WITH VON DER GABLENTZ, FONOFF

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CHIEF FOR EC POLITICAL INTEGRATION, TO DISCUSS NEXT
STEPS FOR THE NINE FOLLOWING ELECTION OF FRENCH

PRESIDENT AND GERMAN CHANCELLOR.

2. GABLENTZ SAID FONOFF IS RECOMMENDING THAT SCHMIDT MEET NEW FRENCH PRESIDENT - WHETHER GISCARD OR MITTERAND - AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING MAY 19 FRENCH ELECTION RUN-OFF. FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS PRESENTLY ARE THINKING IN TERMS OF LATE MAY OR EARLY JUNE.

3. THERE ARE NO PRESENT PLANS FOR EARLY MEETING OF SCHMIDT WITH WILSON. HOWEVER, FOREIGN MINISTER-DESIGNATE GENSCHER WISHES TO HAVE A SERIES OF BILATERALS WITH HIS KEY COUNTERPARTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS. BESIDES JUNE 4 EC COUNCIL MEETING, GENSCHER CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONFER AT EARLY DATE BILATERALLY WITH CALLAGHAN. GERMANS REMAIN DISTRESSED BY UK POSITION ON RENEGOTIATION, ARE PREPARED TO ADOPT REASONABLE POSTURE TOWARD BRITISH REQUESTS BUT WILL NOT ENTERTAIN FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN EEC OR IN PROCLAIMED GOAL OF EUROPEAN UNION. GABLENTZ SAID ATTITUDE IN BONN REMAINS THAT BRITISH MUST MEET COMMUNITY OBLIGATIONS IF THEY WISH TO RETAIN MEMBERSHIP. VISIT HERE BY FCO OFFICIAL MICHAEL BUTLER CONFIRMED FRG VIEWS THAT "BUTLER IS DOING HIS HONEST BEST WITH UNFORTUNATE LABOR GOVERNMENT POSITIONS." FRG REMAINS SUSPICIOUS OF DIFFERING STATEMENTS THEY ARE HEARING FROM WILSON AND CALLAGHAN.

4. AS TO EC-9 CONSULTATIONS, POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING NOW SCHEDULED FOR MAY 27-28, WITH QUARTERLY POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS OF MINISTERS SET FOR JUNE 10-11, ONE WEEK BEFORE OTTAWA NATO MINISTERIAL.

5. GABLENTZ THOUGHT CSCE, EC/ARAB DIALOGUE AND U.S./EC CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE PRIORITY TOPICS. IN REPLYING TO HIS QUESTION REGARDING U.S. ATTITUDE TO INFORMAL EC-9 UNDERSTANDINGS AT GYMnich, EMBOFF DREW FULLY AND EXCLUSIVELY ON REFTel GUIDANCE IN STATE 96829. GABLENTZ THANKED US FOR "THIS CLEAR STATEMENT OF U.S. POLICY," AND SAID HE WOULD BRING ITS CONTENTS IMMEDIATELY TO THE
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ATTENTION OF VAN WELL. GABLENTZ COMMENTED PRELIMINARILY THAT U.S. GUIDANCE ALSO REFLECTED FRG VIEW OF CONSULTATION ISSUE.
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